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PRELIMINARY NIGERIAN VIEW

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SUMMARY: ULC PRESIDENT KALTUNGO BELIEVES NIGERIAN PERMANENT SECRETARY OF LABOR KOKU WILL NOT SEEK SUBJECT POSITION WHILE OAU-BACKED CANDIDATE TEVOEDJRE (DAHOMAY) REMAINS IN THE RUNNING. END SUMMARY

1. UNITED LABOR CONGRESS (ULC) PRESIDENT KALTUNGO, DURING DISCUSSION ON HIS TRIP TO AFL-CIO CONVENTION, INFORMED EMBOFF HE DOES NOT BELIEVE PERMSEC OF LABOR S. O. KOKU WILL OPENLY SEEK ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITION AS LONG AS TEVOEDJRE CONTINUES TO HAVE SOLID OAU SUPPORT. KALTUNGO NOTED OAU DECISION IN MAY TO SUPPORT TEVOEDJRE, AND BELIEVES KOKU WOULD NOT WANT TO GO AGAINST OAU DECISION EVEN THOUGH TEVOEDJRE (IN KALTUNGO'S VIEW) STANDS LITTLE CHANCE OF WINNING THIS POSITION. KOKU WOULD BE EXCELLENT CANDIDATE AND WOULD STAND GOOD CHANCE OF BEING ELECTED, KALTUNGO ADDED, AS HE HAS GOOD REPUTATION IN ILO CIRCLES FOR HIS PAST EFFORTS IN ILO MEETINGS. KALTUNGO STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN KOKU SINCE HIS (KALTUNGO'S) RETURN FROM U.S. BUT HOPES TO MEET WITH HIM LATER THIS WEEK.

2. ON OAU SIDE, KALTUNGO NOTED HE HAS SEEN LETTER FROM OAU SECRETARY EKANGAKI TO ULC SEC GEN ODEYEMI, WHO IS ALTERNATE AFRICA WORKER DELEGATE TO ILO GOVERNING BODY, REMINDING ODEYEMI OF OAU DECISION ON TEVOEDJRE AND ORGING ODEYEMI TO RESPECT THIS DECISION. KALTUNGO BELIEVED ODEYEMI WILL ATTEND NOVEMBER MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY DESPITE ILLNESS INCURRED ON RECENT US TRIP BUT DOWN NOT KNOW ODEYEMI'S VIEWS ON ELECTION ISSUE. KALTUNGO WAS NOT CERTAIN IF KOKU WILL ATTEND MEETING OR NOT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO SOUND OUT KOKU ON THIS MATTER BUT PLANS TO RAISE IT, IF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, DURING AFL-CIO DELEGATION'S CALL ON KOKU NOVEMBER 9.
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